

Expand Outreach Services		Agency/Program #: 5113-04-I2
		Division:
		Program: Education Program
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Program or Project Description:

MSDB's Outreach Program serves as a resource center providing information, consultation, technical assistance, and leadership to: 1. parents of deaf and blind children from birth through age 21, 2. public schools of Montana who have deaf and blind children enrolled, and 3. organizations and individuals concerned with services to deaf and blind children.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2008		2009		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 15, 2008
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	227,663	158,044	221,509	0	
State Special					
Federal Funds					
Total:	\$227,663	\$158,044	\$221,509	\$0	

Legislative Goal(s):

Expansion of Outreach Services: -

With increased staff and reduced caseloads the MSDB outreach program will provide increased contact and service to more students during the 09 biennium. This will result in parents and local district personnel having greater access to the consultation and technical assistance needed to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to successfully educate their deaf and blind children and students.

Legislative Performance Measures:

1. Number of students served – quantitative
2. Numbers of contact visits with school personnel, and parents – quantitative
3. Annual parent satisfaction surveys – qualitative
4. Annual Part C/local district personnel satisfaction surveys – qualitative

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:

Completion Dates

Target Actual

1	Total 384 - Deaf or hard-of-hearing - 142 and Visually impaired - 242. Of the total 32 are under the age of 3 - Deaf or hard-of-hearing 24 and Visually impaired - 8	6/30/2008	
2	Beginning 12/1/07 data has been collected on the number of contacts with: school personnel - 784; parents/family members - 291; other professionals - 511	6/30/2008	
3	Surveys were sent to 138 parents/families of children served in outreach. There were 30 respondents for a response rate of 22%.	4/15/2008	4/15/2008
4	Surveys were sent to 51 teachers and Part C providers who work with children served in outreach. There were 37 respondents for a response rate of 73%.	4/15/2008	4/15/2008
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Agency Performance Report:

1. The number of students served during the 07-08 school year (as of 04/25/08) increased by 28 (9.1%) over the total number served during the 06-07 school year.
2. Data collection points for this measure have been redefined from the 06-07 school year so an accurate comparison can't be made with data being collected for the 07-08 school year. Data from the current year will establish a baseline for comparisons in future years. The total contacts for these data points as of 04/15/08 was 1586. A measure of similar data for the 06-07 school year was 1427. It's anticipated that contacts for the 07-08 school year will increase by approximately 125% for similar but not the same measures.
3. For 07-08 regarding 6 data points, 61% of parent/family respondents indicate they strongly agree the outreach program provides valuable services. For 3 data points 68% of respondents indicated they strongly agree that consultants are accessible.
4. For 07-08 regarding 4 data points, 72% of respondents indicated they strongly agree the outreach program provides valuable services. For 3 data points 73% of respondents indicated they strongly agree that consultants are accessible. And for 4 data points, 40% indicated that students needs are being met in the classroom.

LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT: On-Track

DATA RELEVANCE: The information reported in the Agency Performance section relates to the legislative goals and performance measures.

APPROPRIATION STATUS: Appropriation and expenditure data were provided

COMMENTS/ISSUES While overall it appears the MSDB is on-track to meet this goal, the workgroup may wish to request additional information on the 4 data points on the survey that indicate 40 percent believe students needs are being met in the classroom to determine what needs are not being met in the classroom for the other 60 percent. This would allow the workgroup to assess if additional resources need to be directed to the outreach program or to other programs to address the unmet needs of visually and hearing impaired students in local school districts. The workgroup may wish to review this goal again in October 2008 with the additional information.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Dismiss from further review
- 2) Review again in October 2008
- 3) Request additional information
- 4) Upgrade or downgrade the rating



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